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27 Feb 56

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed Agency Policy for Captured Personnel

1. This memorandum contains recommendations for DOI approval. Such recommendations are contained in paragraph 4. The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and the Deputy Director (Support) have asked that the Office of Personnel coordinate the development of a recommended Agency policy statement covering possible application of the Code of Conduct established by the President for members of the Armed Forces, to civilian personnel of this Agency. This policy recommendation was to be established in conjunction with the Deputy Director (Plans) and other offices of interest.

2. Last October a committee was organized to assist in this matter. The committee is composed of the following members:

Matthew Baird - Office of Training

Office of the Inspector General

Office of General Counsel

- Office of Security

- Technical Services Staff

Counter-Intelligence Staff, DD/P

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After several conferences, this committee appointed a smaller working group to review all available material on this subject and to recommend principles of conduct for captured personnel, incorporating suggestions for a suitable training program designed to prepare Agency personnel for such a contingency.

3. The working group's report, attached hereto for your information, has been accepted in its entirety with only minor changes by the full committee. The committee recommends, therefore, that you examine the following statements as Agency policy with respect to captured personnel:

It shall be the policy of this Agency:

That
a. In the assignment of Agency personnel on permanent change of station or temporary duty orders careful consideration will be given to (a) the risks of capture involved and (b) the possible damage to the Agency in the event of capture. These factors should not overbalance the benefits to the Agency that would accrue from such assignment.

That
b. In the selection of individuals for specific assignments, activities in risk-of-capture areas should be conducted by persons having the least knowledge of over-all Agency Operations while possessing the occupational skill required to perform the assignment.

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c. That every Agency employee, prior to exposure to risk-of-capture, shall be trained in a cover story and variations on it that conform to sound intelligence-defense doctrine.

d. That every Agency person ^{shall} attempt to avoid capture by all means at his command. Where the necessity of completing his assignment outweighs risk-of-capture and its consequences, he shall be so instructed *before starting on his mission.*

e. That captured Agency personnel ^{shall} use their ^{shall} cover stories to impede, divert and confuse their interrogators and ^{shall} use every means at their command to protect all sensitive material known to them.

f. That any captured Agency person ^{shall} attempt to escape using any means at his command including pseudo-cooperative activities ^{if necessary. C.R.} as a means of obtaining escape opportunities so long as these activities do not carry a threat to the welfare of other U. S. captives.

g. To acquaint all Agency personnel, entering risk-of-capture areas, with methods to evade capture and resist interrogation. Those entering high risk-of-capture areas must be intensively trained and demonstrate their proficiency in the use of defenses against revealing classified information.

h. Not to admit publicly as its employee any person captured by the enemy.

i. To exert every possible effort to obtain the release of captured persons.

4. It is recommended that the policy statements recited in paragraph 3 above be adopted. It is further recommended that the Director of Training be instructed to organize and conduct such training programs as are appropriate to enable the responsible Operating Officials to implement these policies.

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Acting Director of Personnel

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/s/ C. P. Cabell

Date: 14 April 56

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Recommendation in paragraph 4 APPROVED. DD/S is designated as responsible office for taking necessary action.

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Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence

Date: 28 April 1956

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